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All – This is an update on where we stand with regard to mining/mineral processing site consultation documentation for 2017. This is pertinent to the briefing for Deb Thomas scheduled for December 15th at 1:00pm and to the HQ request for information regarding these sites.

I have spoken to or communicated with representatives from the Site Assessment/Brownfields, Remedial, Removal, Support and §319 programs to compile this information. I also have spoken to Shahid Mahmud, the National Mining Team Coordinator, to get a better sense of the purpose of the HQ's information request.

I have attached the documents/spreadsheets that capture our current information. I would have uploaded them to the EPR-LT Mining Folder SharePoint site, but I don't have access to upload files to that site.

Status of 2017 Field Work Summaries by Program

§319: summary attached in Excel spreadsheet; 5 projects identified; 0 consultations recommended

Site Assessment: summary attached in Word table; 12 sites identified; 0 consultations recommended

Brownfields: summary attached in Word table; 3 sites identified; 0 consultations recommended

Remedial: 2016 summary attached in Word table; 21 sites identified; 2017 revisions needed; 2 consultations conducted in 2016 (Standard Mine, Captain Jack Mill) that should carry over to 2017

Removal: summary under development

Preliminary observations on 2017 programmatic summaries

§319 and Site Assessment have one site in common (Illinois Gulch/Mountain Pride Mine), which may need further distinction between the two programs.

The Remedial program activities are broken out into Remedial Action and RI/FS or LTRA categories, which may not be necessary based on the HQ assessment of work activities.

We will need to update the 2016 regional site map, if we intend to use it for the briefing. (John Wieber is prepared to do this, as soon as we provide the relevant site information.)

Questions we may want to address in preparation for the 12/15 briefing

What, if any, changes do we want to make to the Work-Process document for 2017?

Have we identified the universe of sites for each program thoroughly and accurately?

Have we properly characterized the nature of the proposed work for 2017 with respect to impacts on fluid hazard?

If there are uncertainties related to the potential for impacts on fluid hazard, what steps/actions does the Region plan to take to reduce those uncertainties?

State/other agency coordination became paramount for HQ during the last consultations. What documentation do we have demonstrating that coordination?

HQ identified the lack of public outreach/engagement plans (beyond emergency notification plans) as potential deficiencies during the last consultations. Do we have such plans in place, as appropriate, for each site?

Headquarters Summary

The expectation regarding work planned in out-years is strictly qualitative and “unknown” is an acceptable response

SEMS is imperfect with respect to identifying the target universe of sites. Changes are planned during 2017 to add special flags/categories to better capture this universe of sites.

The Region should eliminate non-relevant sites from the summary (i.e., sites that are archived or no work will be performed).

Thanks,

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